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<u>DOVER/NEWINGTON INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED</u> UPDATE OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO 3.5 MILES OF SPAULDING TURNPIKE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces Public Informational Meetings will be held November 7 in Dover and November 9 in Newington to discuss a proposal to widen a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route 16) from North of Exit 1 (Gosling Road Interchange) in Newington to just north of Exit 6 (US Route 4) in Dover.

This project is intended to improve roadway safety and provide additional highway capacity in the vicinity of the Little Bay Bridges to address serious traffic congestion problems.

Various options have been developed for the project, including bridge rehabilitation and widening of the Little Bay Bridges; rehabilitation and removal of the historic General Sullivan Bridge; and the consolidation of the interchanges. The scheduled public meetings are intended to provide a project update and review the recommended "preferred alternative", proposed noise abatement, and wetland mitigation.

The November 7 public meeting will be held at the Dover City Hall auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, in Dover, NH. The November 9 public meeting will take place at the Newington Town Hall, 202 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 pm, and will be followed by question and comment periods.